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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 18 remain in the application and stand rejected. Claims 1, 5 and 10 are amended. New claims 19 – 22 are added herein. Although this Amendment is being timely filed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required for this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2197.

Claim 5 is objected to for being grammatically incorrect. Responsive thereto, claim 5 is amended herein. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 5 is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to claims 1 and 10 are supported in the specification on page 6, lines 22 – 25, page 7, line 30 – page 8, line 4 and Figure 4. New claims 19 – 22 added herein are supported in the specification on page 7, lines 20 – 25 and page 5, lines 12 – 17. No new matter has been added. Independent consideration and allowance of new claims 19 – 22 is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 – 5 and 10 – 14 are rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,138,146 to Moon et al. Claims 6 – 9 and 15 – 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Moon et al. in further combination with U.S. Patent No. 6,359,892 to Szlam. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Moon et al. teaches “a mail forwarding system for retrieving E-mail stored at the private server 16 in the private network system 12 by a remote communicator 30.” Col. 6, lines 1 – 2. In particular, Moon et al. is concerned with problems that “arise when the remote communicator 30 is unable to access the private server 16 through the firewall router 18 via the Internet 24 due to restrictions placed on such connections by the private network 12.” Col. 5, lines 54 – 57. So, the Moon et al. system is 10 is addressed to allowing access to the remote communicator 30. Thus, the “private server 16 controls the flow of E-mail messages within the private network 12. Operation of the private network 12 in transmitting and receiving internal E-mail messages is conventional ...” Col. 4, lines 26 – 29. “The mail forwarding program 32 retrieves E-mail

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stored in the private server 16 and forwards it to a selected public mailbox address resident in the public server 28. The mail forwarding program 32 includes parameters and routines which can only be input and/or changed at the fixed computer 20." Col. 6, lines 26 – 32.

Thus, while Moon et al. makes e-mail stored in the "selected public mailbox address resident in the public server 28" for access from the remote communicator 30, the mail forwarding program 32 does not forward the e-mail to the remote communicator 30. Moon et al. does not teach plug-ins in a browser forwarding e-mails or other messages to the remote communicator 30; much less "messaging redirector plug-ins for the browser program which each replace a corresponding messaging plug-in and are each assigned to a same said selected port to allow the digital telephone to log on to the computer workstation and each of said messaging redirector plug-ins using a respective said selected port to forward selected messages to the digital telephone logged on to the workstation." Claim 1 and 10, lines 7 – 11. Therefore, Moon et al. does not teach the present invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 – 5 and 10 – 14 over Moon et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully solicited.

Szlam is cited, solely for a teaching of a PBX network. However, Szlam teaches a system and method that allows remote users to access on-site devices as if the user was, him/herself, on site. *See, e.g.*, col. 3, line 36 – col. 6, line 8. A remote access controller (225 in Figure 1 and 2B) manages teleworker call connections. The remote access controller connects over the communications links 11 to the teleworker devices 10. *See*, col. 8, line 56 – col. 9, line 10. The only mention in Szlam of a PBX port is with respect to the hardware connection through the dual port telephone 211 of Figure 2A. "Port 211B is a telephone port that connects the telephone set 211 to the PBX 212. Port 211A allows a computer, such as a portable communications device 10, to place and receive telephone calls and to transfer data over the telephone line via the PBX 212." Col. 10, lines 62 – 67.

Thus, neither does Szlam teach "messaging redirector plug-ins for the browser program which each replace a corresponding messaging plug-in and are each assigned to a same said selected port to allow the digital telephone to log on to the computer workstation and each of said messaging redirector plug-ins using a respective said selected port to forward selected

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messages to the digital telephone logged on to the workstation." *Supra*. Accordingly, Szlam in combination with Moon et al. does not result in the present invention as recited in claims 1 or 10, much less claims 6 – 9 and 15 – 18 depending therefrom. Therefore, claims 6 – 9 and 15 – 18 are patentable over the combination of Szlam with Moon et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6 – 9 and 15 – 18 over Szlam and Moon et al. under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully solicited.

The applicants have considered the other references cited but not relied upon and find them to be no more relevant than the references upon which the Examiner relied for the rejection.

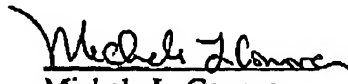
The applicants thank the Examiner for efforts, both past and present, in examining the application. Believing the application to be in condition for allowance, both for the amendment to the claims and for the reasons set forth above, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider new claims 19 – 22, reconsider and withdraw the objection to claim 5, reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1 – 18 under 35 U.S.C. §§102(a) and 103(a) and allow the application to issue.

Should the Examiner believe anything further may be required, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below for a telephonic or personal interview to discuss any other changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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